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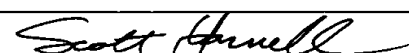
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 111-158 in light of the following remarks.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Action, claims 111-158 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,335,023 ("the '023 patent"). Applicants attach hereto a Terminal Disclaimer thereby obviating this rejection. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

On pages 3-5 of the Action, the Action alleges that the '023 patent qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103. The Action further states that applicants may overcome the reference either by a showing under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 that the invention disclosed therein was derived from the invention of this application, and is therefore, not the invention "by another," or by antedating the reference under 37 C.F.R. §1.131.

The present application claims priority as a continuation application of the application (09/487,228) that matured into the '023 patent. Consequently, the '023 patent is not prior art to the present claims since they both have the same filing date. Applicants believe that this is sufficient evidence to overcome the '023 patent.

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice to this effect. Should there be any questions concerning this application, Examiner Dodson is courteously invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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